

# *the* **CLONE STORE**

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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

After three long years disputing an unnecessary case, I was pleased to hear that a settlement was finally reached between Microsoft and the federal government. I hope that no further action will be taken against Microsoft at the federal level.

The settlement is fair and reasonable, and was arrived at after extensive negotiations with a court appointed mediator. Microsoft agreed to terms that extend well beyond the products and procedures that were actually at issue in the suit, for the sake of wrapping up the suit. For example, Microsoft will not retaliate against vendors that use or promote non-Microsoft products.

Considering the many terms of the agreement, there should be no reason for the government to pursue further litigation against Microsoft on the federal level.

Sincerely,



Douglas L. Thurston

cc: Senator Rick Santorum

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